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SUBJECT: CSCE: FRG VIEWS

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, WE ASKED FONOFF CSCE DIRECTOR
VON GROLL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSI-

BILITY THAT DEUTSCHE WELLE MAY BE MODERATING THE TENOR OF BROADCASTS TO THE EAST. VON GROLL SAID HE HAD NOT READ THE JANUARY 14 "DIE WELT" REPORT, BUT NOTED THAT, TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAD BEEN NO POLICY CHANGE AT DEUTSCHE WELLE.

2. VON GROLL POINTED OUT THAT DEUTSCHE WELLE WAS MORE OR LESS COMPARABLE TO THE BBC, AND THAT GOVERNMENTAL INFLUENCE ON THE RADIO WAS VERY LIMITED. WHILE IT WAS TRUE GOVERNMENT REPS SAT ON THE RADIO'S BOARD, VON GROLL CONTINUED, THEIR INFLUENCE WAS SLIGHT IN COMPARISON WITH THAT OF NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA, THE STATE IN WHICH THE RADIO IS LOCATED. FINALLY, IT WAS VON GROLL'S IMPRESSION THAT THE RECENT PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE RADIO DID NOT PRESAGE A MODERATION OF THE RADIO'S GENERAL ANTI-SOVIET LINE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VON GROLL WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE "DIE WELT" ARTICLE, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT HIS COMMENT REGARDING NO POLICY CHANGE IS ACCURATE. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE PERSONNEL CHANGES WERE UNDERTAKEN FOR RADIO RATIONALIZATION REASONS RATHER THAN FOR POLITICAL REASONS. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OBTAIN BONN 191600Z JAN 77 WHICH WAS SENT TO USIA FOR ACTION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
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